

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 09/544,544

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 13-17 are all the claims currently pending in the present application.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 16 is allowed. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13-15 and 17, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant submits that allowance of this application is now in order, and such actions are hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

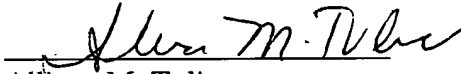
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